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Security Information

2 June 1953

PSB SUPPORT ACTIVITIES  
(May 1953)

The PSB held two Board meetings during May. Discussions of the Board which affect PSB numbered plans are reported below under the plan number. In addition, the Board considered several other subjects of interest to CIA, including:

- a. Food for the Satellites—a paper discussing the problems involved was produced by the PSB staff. The Board took no action but decided that an operation of this type might be appropriate under circumstances to be determined by the Board.
- b. Jackson Committee Recommendations in regard to PSB.
- c. Responsibility for "Gray" Programs—the Board felt that in general major proposals for "gray" operations should be evaluated by DCI and decided upon by the Board.
- d. Change in meeting day—in view of the change in NSC's regular meeting day, the Board will met on Wednesdays in the future.

Many of the panels were active during the month. Summarized results follow:

- a. D-18/a (Escapees): Approved plan. ~~Contrary to past practice,~~ the Board on May 28 decided that, in connection with the forthcoming hearings on the Escapee Budget, a State Department representative should explain to the committee in Executive Session that some of the funds are to be used for Yugoslav escapees.

c. D-22 (Middle East):

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c. D-22 (Middle East): Approved plan. The plan has been sent to the field and several comments, mostly favorable, have already been received from interdepartmental panels set up at each major station.

d. D-23 (Southeast Asia): A plan for U. S. psychological strategy with respect to Thailand has been produced in draft form. On May 28 the Board decided that the plan should be rewritten to consist of two phases: Phase I, concerning what can be done inside Thailand, increasing its strength and making its frontiers more defensible; Phase II, planning what can be done from Thailand as a base if and when the right situation comes, including French and British acquiescence.

25x6 This rewriting will be done by the PSB staff.



f. D-33/2 (Doctrinal Warfare): This plan has been submitted to the members of the Board for vote slip approval and it has been recommended to DCI for approval. The plan contains two specific proposals: (1) An International Doctrinal Institute; (2) A book distribution guarantee.

g. D-38 (Western Europe): A draft plan has been completed which will be submitted to the Director of PSB for referral to the Board as soon as comments now being submitted are incorporated into the plan.

h. PSB D-40 (Psychological Exploitation of Stalin's Death): Weekly meetings of the Working Group, Stalin, have been held and the panel has continued to watch the effect of the President's speech of April 16. A report is in process of preparation which will suggest additional actions and themes.

i. D-43 (Plan for Exploitation of Dissidence in the Soviet Bloc: USSR Armed Forces): A draft plan was produced by the PSB staff after informal consultation with specialists in the member agencies.

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